

House Resolution 1995

By: Representatives Golick of the 34th, Teilhet of the 40th, Wix of the 33rd, Johnson of the 37th, and Tumlin of the 38th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the memory and life of J. Al Cochran; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, on April 1, 2008, Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most distinguished
3 public servants with the passing of talented attorney J. Al Cochran; and

4 WHEREAS, the life led by this distinguished gentleman of 77 years rendered his name dear
5 to the hearts of his family and many fellow citizens alike; and

6 WHEREAS, Al Cochran grew up in Pickens County, Georgia and in 1951 he received his
7 law degree and was admitted to practice law in Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, he bravely and honorably served his country in the United States Air Force
9 including active duty during the Korean War; and

10 WHEREAS, he has been a member of the Cobb County Bar Association for over 50 years
11 and commanded esteem from his fellow citizens and colleagues alike as he practiced law
12 with a keen sense of justice and loyalty to his clients; and

13 WHEREAS, he served diligently as the city attorney for the City of Smyrna and also served
14 as a director and general counsel to Independent Bank and Trust Company in Marietta and
15 Capital City Bank and Trust Company of Atlanta and as Chairman of the Board of Directors
16 for Highland Commercial Bank in Marietta; and

17 WHEREAS, he was a principled and hardworking mentor to many young Georgia attorneys,
18 including his son Scott Cochran who follows in his father's very large footsteps; and

19 WHEREAS, he was a founding member of the King Spring Baptist Church in Smyrna where
20 he was a faithful member for nearly 50 years, giving to his community by spreading the
21 Christian faith as a Sunday school teacher, Deacon, and countless other church positions; and

1 WHEREAS, he was a devoted husband to his wife of 52 years, Leila Stewart Cochran, a
2 loving father to their two children, Karen and Scott, and a proud grandfather to their four
3 grandchildren, Amy, John, Morgan, and Wesley; and

4 WHEREAS, Al Cochran will be remembered as a strong and determined legal advocate, an
5 insightful community leader who demonstrated great dedication to the betterment of the City
6 of Smyrna, and a kind, loving friend to all those who had the fortune of knowing him.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
8 the members of this body honor the memory of J. Al Cochran and express their regret at his
9 passing.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
11 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of J. Al Cochran.